

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached replacement sheet includes a change to FIG. 1 to show that Party B Modifies Position for Party A. Currently, the arrow is misplaced as it extends from the Broker and not Party B. See paragraph [0048] of the published application, U.S. Patent Application Publication 2007/0005962 A1. No new matter is added.

Attachment:

Replacement Sheet for FIG. 1

REMARKS

Claims 6-24 are pending herein. By this Amendment, Claims 1-5 are canceled, without prejudice of disclaimer, and new Claims 6-24 are added.

Support for the new claims is found in the specification at, *inter alia*, paragraphs [0014]-[0020], [0026], [0028], [0031]-[0032], [0035] [0042]-[0056], [0059]-[0063], [0066]-[0067], [0072]-[0078], [0089]-[0090] and in the Figures. The paragraph numbers refer to the corresponding patent application publication, US 2007/0005962 A1 (please note that the published application and the application available on the US PTO website appear to be off by one paragraph number). No new matter is added by this Amendment.

I. FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-2 and 4 were under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as assertedly being indefinite. Claims 1-5 are canceled, without prejudice of disclaimer, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

II. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent Application Publication 2002/0184153 A1 (De Vries). Claims 1-5 are canceled, without prejudice of disclaimer, thereby rendering the rejection moot. Regarding the new claims, De Vries does not disclose conducting a negotiation between two parties through a broker. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

III. CONCLUSION

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone

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interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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